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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Alvin J Grant

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 May 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 22-32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 22-32 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 5/4/05.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claim 26 objected to because of the following informality:

In line 1, change "wherein said at least one member" to read, "wherein said at least one handle", since it's attached to the member and not a part of the member.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. **Claims 22-25 and 27-30** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bozzo, US Patent 4,063,437 in view of Wilson, British Patent 858. Bozzo discloses an apparatus for removing a cork from inside a mouth of a bottle, the apparatus comprising: at least one member for engaging the outside of the mouth of a bottle, at least one handle connected to the at least one member; and a shaft operatively coupled with the at least one handle so that movement of the at least one handle rotates the shaft; at least one member comprises a lever pivotally attached to the at least one handle; the at least one handle comprises a pair of oppositely disposed handles pivotally mounted to the at least one member; and wherein each handle of the

pair of handles includes gear teeth that are in meshing engagement with rack teeth disposed on the shaft so that rotation of the pair of handles about their pivotal connection to the member causes axial movement of the shaft. Bozzo does not disclose two helical spikes projecting from the end portion of the shaft. Wilson discloses a corkscrew having two helical spikes projecting from the end portion of the shaft so as to minimize the effort required in extracting the cork. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have made the apparatus of Bozzo to have two helical spikes as taught by Wilson so as to minimize the effort required in extracting the cork.

4. **Claim 26**, as best understood, is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bozzo, in view of Wilson and in further view of Hollinger Des. 421, 373.

Bozzo as modified is described above. Bozzo does not disclose a lever pivotally attached to the handle. Hollinger discloses a corkscrew having a lever pivotally secured to the handle so as to pry objects apart. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have made the handle of the modified Bozzo, to have a lever attached thereto, as taught by Hollinger, so as to pry objects apart.

5. **Claims 31 and 32** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bozzo, in view of Wilson and in further view of Stirling Des. 455,058.

Bozzo as modified is described above. The modified Bozzo does not disclose a support member connected by an axially extending rod, and the support member being movable

relative to the frame; and at least one member comprises a pair of clamping arms hingedly attached to the frame, and the pair of arms defining an opening for receiving the mouth of a bottle as a means of removing a cork from a bottle while securing the bottle. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the time the invention was made to have made the apparatus of the modified Bozzo to have a support member connected by an axially extending rod, and the support member being movable relative to the frame; and at least one member comprises a pair of clamping arms hingedly attached to the frame, and the pair of arms defining an opening for receiving the mouth of a bottle, as taught by Stirling as a means for removing a cork from a bottle while securing the bottle.

Response to Arguments

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 22-32 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alvin J Grant whose telephone number is (571) 272-4484. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph J Hail can be reached on (571) 272-4485. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alvin J. Grant", is positioned above the printed name.

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Patent Examiner
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